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1. AT END OF LARGELY CEREMONIAL GOODWILL VISIT BY TANZANIAN PRESIDENT NYERERE TO TRINIDAD & TOBAGO THIS WEEK, OFFICIALS OF TWO COUNTRIES SIGNED A FIVE-YEAR AGREEMENT WHICH PROVIDES IN GENERAL TERMS FOR COOPERATION IN ECONOMIC, TRADE, TECHNICAL, AND CULTURAL RELATIONS. TREATY WAS CULMINATION OF SUCCESSFUL FIRST STOP ON NYERERE'S FOUR-NATION TOUR OF THE CARIBBEAN. IN JOINT COMMUNIQUE NYERERE AND PRIME MINISTER WILLIAMS WELCOMED LUSAKA AGREEMENT ON MOZAMBIQUE AND PLEDGED TO CONTINUE COORDINATION OF THEIR SUPPORT FOR FULL DECOLONIALIZATION OF MOZAMBIQUE AND ANGOLA. THEY ALSO EXPRESSED SOLIDARITY WITH PEOPLE OF SOUTHERN AFRICA FOR THEIR TOTAL LIBERATION FROM COLONIALISM, RACISM, AND APARTHEID. PRIME MINISTER WILLIAMS ACCEPTED INVITATION TO VISIT TANZANIA AT LATER DATE.

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2. IN SPEECH CARRIED NATION-WIDE ON RADIO AND TELEVISION

ON SEPTEMBER 9, NYERERE CALLED FOR UNITY AMONG DEVELOPING NATIONS TO COUNTER THEIR SEPARATE ECONOMIC WEAKNESS AND SAID THAT TANZANIA WOULD CONTINUE TO COOPERATE IN INTERNATIONAL FORUMS WITH COUNTRIES OF CARIBBEAN AND ELSEWHERE ON QUESTIONS OF RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN RICH AND POOR NATIONS. IN SAME SPEECH NYERERE DESCRIBED TANZANIA IN SOME DETAIL AND WITH SURPRISING CANDOR, POINTING OUT ITS POVERTY, PROBLEMS OF DEVELOPMENT, AND LACK OF SUFFICIENT SCHOOLS. WHILE HE SPOKE OPTIMISTICALLY ABOUT DEVELOPMENT OF SOCIALISM IN TANZANIA, HE WAS CAREFUL TO STATE THAT WHAT WAS APPROPRIATE FOR TANZANIA WAS NOT NECESSARILY APPROPRIATE FOR TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO.

3. AT NEWS CONFERENCE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 10, NYERERE STATED, IN RESPONSE TO REPORTERS QUESTIONS, THAT TANZANIA WOULD NOT EXPEL ASIANS FROM THE COUNTRY AS UGANDA HAD DONE, AS ISSUE OF SOME SENSITIVITY IN THIS HALF-INDIAN COUNTRY. TANZANIAN PRESIDENT ALSO SAID THAT HIS COUNTRY NEEDED FERTILIZER FROM TRINIDAD IN ADDITION TO CONTINUED SERVICES OF TRAINED PERSONNEL IN HEALTH SERVICES AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION.

4. VISIT WENT VERY SMOOTHLY. IN HIS PUBLIC STATEMENTS NYERERE WAS UNDERSTATED, CONCILIATORY, AND DID NOT ATTEMPT TO EXPORT HIS BRAND OF SOCIALISM OR TO INVOLVE HIMSELF IN LOCAL POTITICAL SITUATION. RUMORED DISRUPTIVE ACTIONS PLANNED BY RADICAL GROUPS DID NOT TAKE PLACE. THROUGHOUT VISIT, NYERERE APPEARED MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO KEEP TO NON-CONTROVERSIAL SUBJECTS AND MEMBERS OF HIS PARTY WHOM EMBASSY OFFICERS SPOKE WITH AT STATE FUNCTIONS WERE WARM IN THEIR COMMENTS ABOUT THEIR HOSTS AND VISIT IN GENERAL. ONLY RIPPLE IN WELL-ORCHESTRATED VISIT WAS PUBLIC ACCUSATION BY DR. RAMESH MOOTOO, PROMINENT DOCTOR AND OPPOSITION POLITICIAN WHO OFTEN ATTEMPTS TO CAPITALIZE ON ISSUES OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO EAST INDIAN COMMUNITY, THAT NYERERE PLANNED TO EXPEL ASIANS FROM TANZANIA. AS NOTED ABOVE, NYERERE CALMLY SCOTCHED THIS REPORT AT PRESS CONFERENCE IN STRAIGHTFORWARD BUT LOW-KEY MANNER.

5. COMMENTS ABOUT PROFESSIONAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FROM TRINIDAD WHICH OFTEN PUNCTUATED NYERERE'S PUBLIC COMMENTS STEM FROM ACTUAL EXCHANGES IN PAST. FOR LAST SEVEN YEARS,

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PROMINENT TRINIDADIAN BARRISTER, ULRIC CROSS, HAS BEEN DEAN OF LAW SCHOOL IN DAR ES SALAAM. CROSS RECENTLY RETURNED TO TRINIDAD TO BECOME A HIGH COURT JUSTICE HERE. HE WAS WARMLY GREETED BY NYERERE AND SENIOR MEMBERS OF HIS PARTY AND HIS PRESENCE SEEMS TO HAVE EVOKED MUCH OF COMMENT ABOUT PROFESSIONAL EXCHANGES. CERTAINLY JUSTICE CROSS APPEARS TO HAVE EFFECTIVELY BUILT A WARM RESPECT FOR TRINIDAD AMONG TANZANIA'S GOVERNMENT LEADERSHIP.

6. GOTT MADE ALL-OUT EFFORT TO ENTERTAIN ITS STATE VISITOR.
NYERERE VISIT IS ONLY SIXTH STATE VISIT SINCE INDEPENDENCE.
GOVERNOR GENERAL, PRIME MINISTER WILLIAMS, THE CABINET, AND
MUCH OF TOP ECHELON OF SOCIETY DEVOTED THEMSELVES ALMOST
EXCLUSIVELY TO VISITORS DURING THEIR STAY. IT WAS AN
IMPRESSIVE AND SUCCESSFUL EFFORT.MILLER

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